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What: *Young Eagles Flight Rally*

Who: Youth ages 8 – 17

When: Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Where: Albert Whitted Park, St. Pete

Cost: FREE

St. Pete/EAA *Young Eagles Flight Rally* Offers Free Plane Rides and Education to Kids on Oct. 17

Bay area youth are invited to experience the beauty and wonder of aviation during the autumn *Young Eagles Flight Rally* on Saturday, Oct. 17 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in downtown St. Petersburg. Children ages 8 - 17 can enjoy free plane rides at Albert Whitted Park adjacent to the Salvador Dali Museum and Albert Whitted Airport located at 107 8th Ave., S.E. in St. Petersburg.

The *Young Eagles Flight Rally* program aims to inspire a passion for aviation at an early age. Sponsored by the Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA), kids and families learn about the mechanics of flight, cornerstones of safety, and exciting opportunities in general aviation. Upon completion of flights, participants also receive an official *Young Eagles* log book and instructions to complete a free, online ground school training course courtesy of the EAA.

Young Eagle flights are offered on a first-come, first-served basis at no charge by licensed pilots volunteering their time and skills. Junior flight candidates should wear comfortable clothing, be in good health, and be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian for completion of required paperwork. Responsible adult supervision is requested for all youth attendees. Groups of five or more participants are asked to call (727) 822-1532 at least one day in advance of the event.

The 2015 autumn *Young Eagles Flight Rally* will be held in conjunction with Marine Quest and the St. Petersburg Science Festival. Parking for *Young Eagles* attendees will be available on the airport grounds. Families are encouraged to follow *Young Eagles* event signs for free fun and flight opportunities. Note: *Young Eagles* from Northern Pinellas may wish to attend the EAA Chapter 282 Flight Rally from 9 a.m. to noon at Clearwater Airpark.

Background:

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) is an international aviation organization headquartered in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. EAA offers educational opportunities and scholarships to encourage the next generation of pilots. The first *Young Eagles* program was launched in 1992 and has flown nearly 2 million children in 90 countries. *Young Eagles Flight Rallies* in St. Petersburg are hosted by local EAA Chapter 47, based at historic Albert Whitted Airport.

For more information on the *Young Eagles Flight Rally* and local EAA Chapter 47, visit www.AWAPS.org or call (727) 822-1532.

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